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SUBJECT: NATO TOUR FOR NORWEGIAN EDITORS

LEADING EDITORS FROM THREE NORWEGIAN DAILIES AND
RADION AND TV HAD A HIGHLY INTENSIVE TEN-DAY LOOK
(APRIL 13-23) INTO THE ISSUES AND PROBLEMS FACING
NATO TODAY DURING A TRIP SPONSORED JOINTLY BY USIS
OSLO AND USIS/USNATO. IN OUR OPINION, IT WAS
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THE BEST TRIP YET IN THE SERIES WHICH THE POST HAS

SPONSORED FOR BOTH PARLIAMENTARIANS AND JOURNALISTS
OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.

THE SUCCESS OF THE TRIP CAN BE ATTRIBUTED PRIMARILY
TO THREE FACTORS: A) THE CAREFULLY-TAILORED PROGRAM
MIX OF TOP POLITICAL LEADERS, TOP MILITARY LEADERS
AND MILITARY HARDWARE, B) THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE
NORWEGIAN PARTICIPANTS, AND C) A VERY HIGH LEVEL
OF RECOGNITION AMONG NATO LEADERS OF THE IMPORTANCE
OF PUBLIC OPINION TO THE HEALTH OF THE ALLIANCE.

DURING ITS VISITS TO BRUSSELS, NAPLES, GENEVA,
STUTTGART AND RAMSTEIN, THE GROUP SAW THE FOLLOWING
TOP LEADERS: SACEUR GENERAL HAIG, NATO DEP. ASST.
SEC-GEN KILLHAM, SACLAN TREPEUR NATO ADMIRAL KLAVER,
NATO CHIEF OF PLANS & POLICY CARACCILOLO, CINCSOUTH
ADMIRAL JOHNSTON, COMSIXTHFLT ADMIRAL TURNER, CSCE
DELEGATE AMBASSADOR SHERER, SALT DELEGATE AMBASSADOR
JOHNSON, LOS DELEGATE AMBASSADOR STEVENSON, EUCOM
CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL KNOWLTON, AND USAFE COMMANDER
GENERAL VOGT. THE GROUP ALSO SPENT A NIGHT ON THE
AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS ROOSEVELT AT SEA IN THE
WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (INCLUDING ARREST LANDING
AND CATAPULT LAUNCH ABOARD C-2), VIEWED THE FLIGHT
LINE AT RAMSTEIN, EXAMINED TANKS AND OTHER ARMOR
OF THE 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT AND WAS
HELICOPTERED OUT TO THE EAST GERMAN BORDER FOR A
VISIT WITH A BORDER PATROL UNIT AND A LOOK AT THE
SINISTER NEW FENCE ERECTED BY THE EAST GERMANS.

PARTICIPANTS ON THE TOUR WERE: JAHN OTTO JOHANSEN,
FOREIGN EDITOR OF NORWEGIAN TELEVISION (NRK-TV),
WHO WILL SOON BECOME NORWEGIAN BROADCASTING CORRE-
SPONDENT IN MOSCOW; PER RISTE, FOREIGN EDITOR OF
NORWEGIAN RADIO; BJORN BOSTRUP, FOREIGN EDITOR
OF THE NORWEGIAN JOURNAL OF COMMERCE AND SHIPPING;
ANDREAS NORLAND, CHIEF EDITOR OF NORWAY'S FIFTH
LARGEST DAILY, ADRESSEAVISEN IN TRONDHEIM;
OIVIND MADSEN, CHIEF EDITOR OF FINNMARK DAGBLAD
IN HAMMERFEST, THE NORTHERMOST DAILY IN THE WORLD;
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AND OLE TRYGVE NYMOEN, POLITICAL/MILITARY WRITER
FOR THE NORWEGIAN NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY NTB. THE
GROUP WAS EXCORTEED BY OSLO IO CHARLES BELL.

OUR PARAMOUNT OBJECTIVES WERE TO PROVIDE THE NORWEGIAN
EDITORS WITH BACKGROUND USEFUL TO THEM IN THEIR DAILY
REPORTING AND TO STIMULATE AN ON-GOING INTEREST
IN ALLIANCE AFFAIRS. IN THIS, WE BELIEVE, THE TRIP

WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.

IN ADDITION, IT HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO GENERATE CONSIDERABLE NEWS COPY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE PARTICIPANTS HAD LITTLE TIME DURING THE HECTIC TRIP TO SIT DOWN AND WRITE. ALL PARTICIPANTS INDICATED THEY PLAN TO WRITE EXTENSIVELY IN THE COMING DAYS, AND THE NRK-TV FOREIGN EDITOR HOPES TO RETURN TO BRUSSELS IN LATE MAY FOR A TELEVISED INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL HAIG. WHILE ABOARD THE USS LITTLE ROCK, THE TV EDITOR CONDUCTED A SHORT RELEVISED INTERVIEW WITH ADMIRAL TURNER FOR USE IN A PROGRAM HE IS PREPARING ON THE SIXTH FLEET.

THROUGHOUT THE TRIP THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE COMMANDS AND OFFICES VISITED WAS EXCELLENT. AND DESPITE THE COMPLEXITIES AND TIGHT TIMING OF THE ITINERARY, THERE WERE FEW TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS. THE POST EXTENDS ITS THANKS TO ALL INFO ADDRESSEES. VOTH

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